

Enright Concedes Crime Tribune Bared Year Ago

Police Head Denied Lawless Wave as Late as Dec. 8, 1920; Made Many Changes That Weakened Force, Closing 12 Stations, Although He Was Warned of Danger

When Police Commissioner Enright issued the order restoring the old nine-platoon system "until conditions warrant" which the Police Department formerly operated, he admitted that an emergency existed.

More than a year ago The Tribune in a series of articles reviewed the lawless conditions which were then present, as they are now, and stated plainly the shortcomings of the Police Department as administered by Mr. Enright, which are responsible for the increase in crime in New York City.

The Commissioner met these charges with a denial, which was published in a statement issued on December 8, 1920. Mr. Enright said: "There has been no increase in crime; in fact, there has been a substantial decrease over conditions existing during the previous five years."

This denial has since been repeated by the Police Commissioner on various occasions, in different forms. Within the last few days Commissioner Enright, warned by Governor Miller that New York City must be made a safe place in which to live, has taken care to state that the Police Department is strengthening the protection offered by the Police Department; but in the year which has passed from the time The Tribune first made its charge, Mr. Enright's administration of the Police Department, no steps were taken to increase the efficiency of the department.

None of the many changes which Mr. Enright made in the routine of the department during the last year has increased its efficiency. Many of the changes, in the opinion of veteran police officials, have had the effect of weakening the force already inefficient department.

Tribune Charged Broken System

In the series of articles concerning the Police Department published by The Tribune in December, 1920, and in January, 1921, these were the principal charges made against the Police Department:

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Estimate Board Rushes through Police Increase

Votes 1,192 More Patrolmen Without a Protest; Craig Offers to Find \$1,200,000 to Pay Them

Emergency Is Recognized

Hyman and Enright 'Dinner' the Press and Albany, but Admit They've Got to Act

There was quick response at the meeting of the Board of Estimate to police clamor for better police protection. Police Commissioner Enright appeared before the board and made an urgent plea for more patrolmen. The board promptly voted to increase the police force by 1,192 men and asked the Board of Aldermen to provide \$1,200,000 to maintain them until the end of the year.

Every available man on the civil service list will begin training in the Police Department as soon as his eligibility is certified. There are about 800 men on the list now. Commissioner Enright said that he could begin their probationary period to-day and have them in uniform patrolling the streets by the middle of June.

Hyman Urges Increase

No voice in the Board of Estimate was raised to the granting of additional policemen. Mayor Hyman quickly moved that the Police Commissioner's request be granted and the other members supported the Mayor's motion with surprising rapidity. The board, however, was at a loss for a time to determine where the money could be found to pay the new patrolmen's salaries.

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Enright Issues 'Don'ts' Primer For Citizens in War on Crime

Be Wary of Sleek and Prosperous-Looking Stranger, Commissioner Warns, in Detailed List of First Aids Against Attacks of the Underworld Forces

Some of the things which every citizen should know and do to help thwart criminals are embodied in a pamphlet which Commissioner Enright sent to police stations yesterday for public use in abating crime. The advice is offered in a list of "Don'ts" as they should be practiced against thieves, pickpockets and holdup men, with special reference to banks.

One of the striking suggestions which the Commissioner offers under the heading of "Miscellaneous" reads: "Don't trust everybody that you come in contact with just because they are prosperous looking and smooth talkers, with polished manners; remember that up to date thieves do not look like thugs."

To guard against thieves he says: "Don't receive and pay for packages using the dumbwaiter, or request persons having no knowledge of your affairs to receive your deliveries."

Don't leave your overcoat or handbag in your automobile. Take them with you.

Don't listen to get-rich schemes. You may be talking to a confidence man.

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Don't pickpockets he has this to say: "Don't show your money in public places."

Don't be careless when you get into a crowd. Keep your coat buttoned up and an eye on your pockets.

Don't fall asleep in the subway, elevated or street car. This gives pickpockets a good chance to steal your valuables.

Don't carry your money in a conspicuous manner.

Don't regard jostling or pushing in crowds as accident. Be suspicious of persons who jostle you.

Don't wear valuable jewelry when shopping.

Don't carry more money than you need, and don't make a display of the money you have.

Don't neglect to keep firearms in your bank and have them so placed as to be readily accessible in an emergency.

Don't neglect to provide standard receivers for your special officers and trained messengers, securing the necessary permits for carrying of them from the Police Commissioner.

Don't neglect to maintain an up-to-date signal device for the purpose of giving an alarm in case of emergency.

Don't fail to instruct your employees as to their specific duties in the event of an attempted robbery.

Don't hesitate to telephone to the police of suspicious persons who enter or loiter in vestibules of your bank.

Don't fail to be suspicious of strangers who upon entering your bank leave an automobile upon the street with the motor running.

To guard against hold-ups the Commissioner suggests:

Don't expose or wear jewelry in localities where a robbery could be committed with little chance of the offender being caught.

Don't neglect to notify your local police station if you have a large pay roll, giving the time and route when it is to be paid.

Don't obtain your pay roll from a bank always at the same time. Irregularity prevents crooks from planning.

Don't employ inexperienced men for guard duty. Armed, trained men should be employed for this work.

Don't carry large sums of money on your person. A checkbook is safer and more convenient.

On the back page of the booklet is the following suggestion:

If you want a policeman in the Borough of Manhattan, telephone Spring 3100.

Tremont 800, or the nearest telephone booth.

Borough of Brooklyn, telephone Main 7000, or the nearest telephone booth.

ganda to drive you out of the Police Department.

"Is Rothstein out of the real estate business?" asked Murray Hulbert, President of the Board of Aldermen.

"Yes, he's gone back to gambling," replied a member of the staff.

"Yes," said Commissioner Enright, "I think they would be very glad to have me out of the department. It hasn't been very long since I was there."

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Enright Is Given 1192 Additional Men by Board

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which will tend to lessen the amount of crime and give the public the police protection which is needed. The question will also come up for discussion at the meeting on Monday, April 17, to which Commissioner Enright and the Mayor will be invited to make addresses. The association is the Washington Police Association, which occupies the section of the city where the Shattuck robbery occurred last Sunday.

Attention to the lack of proper police protection throughout the city, at a meeting at 262 Greene Street.

After calling upon the Mayor for a moment, the association, the association sent a letter to the Mayor of Commerce of the City of New York, urging that body to call a meeting of civic and business organizations for the purpose of discussing the crime problem and the efficiency of the police administration.

The association says that "the time is ripe for a thorough, impartial, non-partisan investigation of the protection of persons and property in the City of New York," that "an unprecedented amount of crime has been and is being committed in all the boroughs" and that "the citizens no longer have that safety which should be theirs in a community properly and efficiently governed."

A meeting of the special committee of the Hell Gate Republican Club appointed to consider the police situation was also held in the clubrooms, at 262 Eighty-fifth Street, last night. Resolutions were drawn up and submitted at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday night. The substance of these resolutions was not made public.

Bankers Start Pistol Practice

Banking and other financial institutions in the Wall Street district have obtained permission from Police Headquarters to send trusted employees to the basement of the latter place for pistol practice.

The practice is to be opened on Governor's Island next Thursday. This class is mainly for women and girls employed by banks and large corporations whose duties include the handling of large sums of money.

Those desiring to join are to make application to Captain G. G. Graham, Adjutant, First Day, Governor's Island. All applicants must have received training from employers as to the employees' duties. It is understood that the American Railway Express Company and the National Bank of Commerce have already entered a number of their employees.

Developments in the original record itself yesterday included a number of minor robberies and the shooting of a policeman, Patrick McHugh, at the West 135th Street station, while leading three prisoners to the police station.

Supreme Court Justice Harry E. Lewis, of Brooklyn, suggested the addition of 5,000 more policemen to the force as one of the methods of properly dealing with the crime problem. Among other things he said:

"The courts should be up-to-date so as to permit the indictment of a criminal within 24 hours, his trial within three or four days, and his conviction prompt and drastic punishment."

"Any man carrying a gun in violation of law should be sent to prison for the maximum term permitted by law."

"The manufacture and sale of arms should be rigidly restricted and it should be possible to trace each weapon to some secret mark."

It was also suggested that flow from the Sullivan law be nullified when a crook can get a gun permit from some court of record in another county and retaining the heat of the gun, and blowing somebody's head off.

"Bank messengers, carrying large sums of money, should be adequately paid."

Enright Complains He Gets No Aid From Public

"Everybody Haters and No One Helps," He Tells Press Club, in Asking That Criticism Cease

The only thing wrong with the City Police Department is that "everybody hates and no one helps," Commissioner Enright declared yesterday at a "close-up" luncheon of the New York Press Club, where he was a guest of honor. Another interpretation of this

view by the police executive was that a maximum of police efficiency might be expected if everybody joined in "hating all around" and ceased criticizing him and his department.

The Commissioner made use of numerous anecdotes, quotations and data from the time of Moses to show that the suppression of crime had been a problem for 6,000 years and how there never would be a crimeless city "as long as the present standards for production of the human race prevail."

E. Percy Howard, president of the club, in introducing the Commissioner, said to the one hundred or more diners, of whom several were city editors of New York newspapers, said he trusted that "as members of the newspaper profession here as the guests of the club they would report what the Police Commissioner had to say 'in a spirit of fairness and accuracy.'"

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"We have a police quota of 11,500 men, but as a matter of fact there are only 1,600 men actually available for night patrol duty. Many are in court, many are attending public meetings, many are constantly in training, about 800 are sick, the rest are on the force, 850 are in the detective bureau, 500 are on plainclothes detail, 1,400 are police officers, 500 are assigned to the Health Department and 1,000 are on strike duty."

He reported a reduction in number of felonies committed here so far this year of 19 per cent, as compared with the same period in 1917. The number of such crimes now is about 20 a day, he said, adding:

"If all these crimes are going to be blackballed, the people are going to be excited about the crime problem. It is going to be encouraged. But why exploit it? Why spread it? Why water it every day with your tears? Criminals prosper by such exploitation."

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Congress Extends Time for U. S. Pacific Radio Service

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Prosecutor Gesticulates His Arm Out of Socket

OMAHA, Neb., April 7.—Assistant County Attorney Charles Kubat gesticulated so vigorously in his prosecution in District Court to-day of Sebastian Garco, a bartender for a liquor law violation that his right arm was dislocated. Two attorneys pulled it back into place.

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